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TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

INFO AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (REP. HELEN MEYNER)

SUBJECT: CODEL MEYNER

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1. PER REFTTEL, CODEL WILL ARRIVE BEIRUT JULY 5 AT 1015  
VIA BOAC-711, DEPART BEIRUT FOR DAMASCUS VIS BAALBEK JULY 7  
AT 0900, DEPART DAMASCUS FOR AMMAN JULY 8 AT 0900, AND  
DEPART AMMAN FOR JERUSALEM JULY 9 AT 0900. CODEL, WHICH  
TRAVELING AT OWN EXPENSE, WOULD LIKE MIXTURE OF TOURISM  
AND SUBSTANTIVE CONTACTS. IN PARTICULAR, CODEL WOULD LIKE  
IN-DEPTH EMBASSY BRIEFING AT BEGINNING OF EACH VISIT.  
DESPITE LIMITATIONS OF TIME ALOTTED, CODEL WOULD LIKE TO  
AVOID OVERSCHEDULING. REP. MEYNER IS MEMBER OF  
OVERSIGHT AND INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES OF  
HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, AND HAS  
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PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN MIDDLE EAST.

2. FOR BEIRUT. IN ADDITION TO SIGHTSEEING, CODEL WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CALL ON APPROPRIATE SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL (PERHAPS FOREIGN MINISTER). CODEL HAS THROUGH CONGRESSIONAL CHANNELS MADE CONTACT WITH MAKSOUD AND TUEINI IN ORDER HAVE THEM ARRANGE MEETING WITH ARAFAT, OR WITH OTHER RANKING PLO SPOKESMAN IF ARAFAT UNAVAILABLE. CODEL HAS NOT SOUGHT ANY OTHER PROGRAMMING THROUGH MAKSOUD/TUEINI. IN VIEW CODEL'S CONCERN RE OVERSCHEDULING, SUGGEST YOU CONTACT MAKSOUD/TUEINI TO ENSURE THEY DO NOT PLAN ANYTHING EXTENSIVE WHICH WOULD CONFLICT WITH CODEL'S OTHER INTERESTS. CODEL ACCEPTS WITH PLEASURE AMBASSADOR'S INVITATION FOR LUNCHEON; THEY ARE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF QUIET DINNER OUT AT A LEADING RESTAURANT. CODEL WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS AUB FINANCIAL PROBLEMS (POSSIBLY AT LUNCH) BUT DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ENOUGH TIME FOR VISIT TO CAMPUS, EXCEPT POSSIBLY DRIVE-THROUGH.

3. FOR DAMASCUS. CODEL WOULD LIKE CALL ON SENIOR SARG OFFICIAL (POSSIBLY FOREIGN MINISTER), WHILE USING MUCH OF AFTERNOON FOR VISIT TO SUQ AND NEARBY SIGHTS SUCH AS AZZAM PALACE AND POSSIBLY OMAYYAD MOSQUE AND DAMASCUS MUSEUM. CODEL WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HAVE INCLUDED KUNAITRA, BUT REGRETS THAT TIME WILL NOT PERMIT. AMBASSADOR MURPHY HAS INVITED CODEL TO STAY AT RESIDENCE, AND TO HAVE FAMILY LUNCH ON ARRIVAL AND SMALL DINNER THAT EVENING.

4. FOR AMMAN. ON NEW SCHEDULE, CODEL EXPECTS ARRIVE BY NOON AND HENCE APPOINTMENTS WITH KING AND PRIME MINISTER CAN BE REQUESTED FOR THAT DAY. CODEL DOES NOT FEEL NEED FOR APPOINTMENT WITH CROWN PRINCE UNLESS KING HUSSEIN UNAVAILABLE. CODEL CONCURS IN PROPOSED TOUR OF UNRWA REFUGEE CAMP IF TIME PERMITS. ALSO CONCUR IN SUGGESTION FOR DINNER AT POPULAR ARAB RESTAURANT. KISSINGER

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